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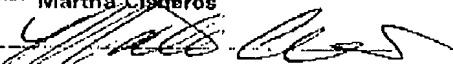
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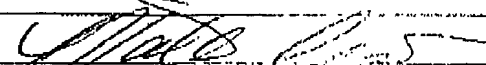
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Dear Sir:

This Interview Summary sets forth the substance of a telephonic interview held between Examiner Brian Gordon and Applicants' representative Susan Tall on December 18, 2003. Also in attendance were Examiner Jill Warden and Applicants' representative Bret Field.

Examiner Gordon and Ms. Tall discussed the Kutami et al. reference. Specifically, Ms. Tall explained to Examiner Gordon that the external pressure applying mechanism of the device of Kutami et al. was a substitute for an internal ejector, such as the thermal resistor element shown in the prior art device of FIGS. 3A-3E. As such, it was explained to Examiner Gordon that there is no motivation to modify Kutami et al. to have both an ejector in the chamber and an external pressure applying mechanism in the same device. Examiner Gordon agreed that there is no motivation to modify the Kutami et al. device to include an internal ejector because the pressure applying mechanism of the Kutami et al. device is a substitute for an internal ejector. Examiner Gordon indicated that the rejection of Claims 1-12, 27-30 and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on this reference would be withdrawn in view of this discussion and that the case would be in form for allowance.

Applicants note that a response to the final Office Action was filed by Applicants by facsimile on December 18, 2003. In this response, Applicants noted the agreement reached between Examiner Gordon and Ms. Tall that there is no motivation to modify the Kutami et al. device to include an internal ejector because the pressure applying mechanism is a substitute for an internal ejector and as such there is no motivation to have both an ejector in the chamber and an external pressure applying

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mechanism. Accordingly, Applicants noted that agreement was reached that the rejection of Claims 1-12, 27-30 and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kutami et al. (US 6,132,035) would be withdrawn. The only claim amendments set forth in this response were to amend dependant claims 35 and 36 to further clarify the term "improves" in order to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Since agreement was reached between Examiner Gordon and Ms. Tall that the rejection of Claims 1-12, 27-30 and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) would be withdrawn and Claims 35 and 36 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

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